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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Owing to the prevalence of scald among the barreled offerings at the Liverpool apple auction Wednesday, February 3, buyers were cautious in their bidding with the result that values were generally lower than last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. With the exception of scald, the condition of the fruit was good. Virginia Yorks were affected the most by scald. Supplies of barreled apples at the auction were moderate. Supplies afloat for Liverpool are moderate. Offerings met with a fairly good inquiry. Albemarle Pippins made good prices, higher than those of last week. Sound Virginia Staymans, Ben Davis and Yorks made about the same prices as last week. Winesaps and Rhode Island Greenings were lower. The moderate supplies of boxed apples, which were in good condition generally with the exception of Spitzenburgs, met with a moderate inquiry. Oregon Newtowns sold at higher prices than last week and Washington Winesaps and Delicious made good prices for this season.

Scalded fruit resulted in wide price ranges for barreled apples at London. Mr. Motz reports that the prevalence of scald is causing buyers to lose interest in the barreled deal. Supplies of barrels were moderate. High grade stock met with an active inquiry. Albemarle Pippins made better prices than last week, whereas Staymans were lower. Other varieties made about the same prices as last week. Prices paid for boxed Newtowns and Winesaps were about the same as last week. The light supplies of Newtowns were in good demand. Interest was slow for the moderate supplies of Winesaps. The condition of the fruit was good. London prices were not much different from those ruling at Liverpool. Virginia Albemarle Pippins and Oregon Newtowns made slightly higher prices at London than Liverpool. but the reverse was true of Yorks and Washington Winesaps.

Apple crops in New Zealand and Tasmania are heavy, according to reports of the British Empire Marketing Board. This organization's preliminary estimates of the total shipments to Europe this season from Australia and New Zealand are placed at 5,300,000 boxes compared with 4,300,000 in 1931. Pear exports are expected to be around 320,000 boxes against 400,000 last season.

Arrivals of fruit in the United Kingdom this week ended Tuesday: Apples, 73,000 barrels, 123,900 boxes, 4,700 baskets from the United States and Canada; pears, 17,000 boxes and grapes, 3,200 packages from the United States; grapefruit, 2,000 boxes from the United States, 2,100 from Jamaica and 1,000 from Palestine; oranges, 151,000 boxes from Palestine (Jaffa) and 206,000 half cases (110 pounds) from Spain; peaches, 100,000 packages, plums, 51,000 packages, pears, 10,000 packages and nectarines 9,200 packages all from South Africa. Fruit expected during the next seven days: Apples, 100,800 barrels, 123,100 boxes, 2,500 baskets from the United States and Canada; pears, 13,100 boxes and grapes, 2,000 packages from the United States; grapefruit, 10,000 boxes from the United States and 2,000 boxes from Jamaica; peaches, 50,000 packages, plums, 30,000 packages, pears, 13,000 packages all from South Africa.

The following prices were converted at \$3.45 to the pound sterling, against \$5.46 last week and \$4.86, or par of exchange, at this time last year.

Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	1931		1932	
	Liverpool		London	
	February 4:	January 27:	February 3:	February 3:
	BARRELS:	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
York Imperials, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	7.06-7.54	4.33-4.68	4.14-4.48	4.05-4.39
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	6.69-7.18	4.33-4.76	4.31-4.48	3.79-4.14
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	5.72-6.08	3.12	3.79	-
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	5.35-5.60	3.16-3.98	3.62-4.22	3.10-3.79
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	5.11-5.47	3.16	3.45	2.76-3.45
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-	3.64	2.76-3.45	2.76-3.45
Comb. No. 1 and Commercial 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in:	-	-	3.79-3.96	-
Albemarle Pippins, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	7.91-8.15	5.89-6.32	6.12-6.38	6.55-6.89
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	9.25-9.73	-	6.38-6.72	-
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-	4.68-4.76	5.17-5.69	6.20-6.55
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-	4.33-4.50	5.17-5.69	-
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-	-	4.82-5.17	5.17-5.51

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